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Selectman Resigns, Seat to Remain Vacant Until March

(Lamoine) - Selectman Bill Brann has stepped down from his elected position due to family considerations that take precedent over the job. Mr. Brann was first elected in March, 2010 and his term would have expired at the annual town meeting in 2013. The remaining board members accepted his resignation with regret on September 6th.

During his 2-plus years on the board Brann served on the search committee for a new Code Enforcement Officer and faithfully attended the many meetings required of the position.

The remaining Selectmen, noting that the term has only a few months remaining, opted to function as a 4-person board until the annual town meeting in 2013 instead of holding a special election to fill the seat. Nomination papers for the seat will be available Monday, December 17th. Mr. Brann and Selectman Richard Fennelly Jr. were both elected at the 2010 annual town meeting.

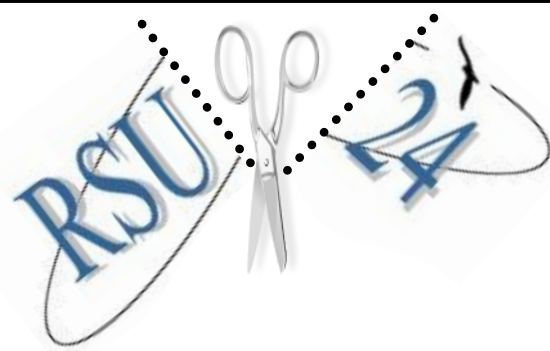


RSU Withdrawal Slow Going for Committee

(Lamoine) - The town committee established by vote of the town to study the benefits and drawbacks of withdrawing from RSU 24 has met with some progress but also with frustrations. The Lamoine RSU Withdrawal Committee was formed July 10. It is charged with striking an agreement with the RSU Board for separating from the large school district. Then, the Committee will involve the town in examining the feasibility of withdrawing based on that agreement.

Led by Chairman Brett Jones, the Committee consists of Gary McFarland, Doug Stewart, and Gordon Donaldson. They presented a draft agreement to the RSU 24 Board on July 20. Since then, the Board has offered its own agreement language. After three exchanges, it appears that the RSU and the Lamoine Withdrawal Committee are in agreement about most of the eleven sections required by state statute. Negotiations have been slowed by the need to collect information, by the involvement of the entire RSU Board in negotiation sessions, and the RSU's parallel negotiations with committees from Hancock and Ellsworth.

As of this writing, the Lamoine Committee and the RSU Board differ over whether and how much money should be reimbursed to each party by the other



party, whether Lamoine is responsible for paying central office administrative salaries after the date of withdrawal, and the termination date of the agreement. The two parties have agreed on the smooth transition of the school building, faculty and staff, transportation and other services back to town ownership.

If Lamoine withdraws, the town will reinstate its own School Committee and Town Meeting control over the school budget. High school choice will remain for our secondary school students and their families. The withdrawal committees from Hancock, Ellsworth, and Lamoine are currently discussing shared services and possibly forming a smaller, more flexible school district.

The Committee had hoped to reach agreement with the Board in time to put the withdrawal question to a referendum vote in November. The pace of negotiations, however, now makes that impossible. As a result, the proposed "withdrawal date" from the RSU has been moved from June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014. The Committee expects to bring the matter to the town for discussion and a vote during the late winter or spring. The Committee welcomes comments and questions from townspeople.

Michael Jordan New Code Officer

(Lamoine) - The Board of Selectmen has agreed to terms with former Deputy Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan and hired him as the town's regular Code Enforcement Officer (CEO), Plumbing Inspector and Building Inspector. Jordan replaces Dennis Ford who asked not to be reappointed in June, but who served on an interim basis until the end of July.

Mr. Jordan was among four applicants and two finalists for the job. He has agreed to a contract that will pay a base of \$13,200 annually for an estimated 41-hours of work per month. If that work schedule has to be exceeded due to required inspections or other work, Jordan will be compensated at \$25/hour. The pay scale is a departure from an annual straight salary paid to the previous CEO.

Jordan served as the Deputy CEO under Mr. Ford from December of 2006 until Mr. Ford's retirement. He also served as an alternate member of the Planning Board and remains an elected tax assessor. Jordan resigned from the Planning Board upon being hired as the CEO. He's been a long time member of the Lamoine Volunteer and is currently a captain with the LVFD. Jordan will also be in the office for more hours per month

than the previous CEO. Office hours are planned to be on Tuesdays from 9am to Noon, though the 3rd Tuesday of the month will be from 1PM to 4PM to accommodate the county CEO meetings. He will also be in on the last Saturday of the month from 9am to Noon. Those in need of inspections or other CEO services can call the town office at 667-2242 to leave a message and the staff will pass that along to Mr. Jordan.

The Selectmen were also asked to appoint a Deputy Code Enforcement Officer to process and inspect those projects which pose a potential conflict to Jordan. After much discussion about other potential conflicts of interest, the board of Selectmen opted not to fill the position at this time. Jordan was concerned that as construction manager for Habitat for Humanity he would be ethically unable to issue and inspect a project for a house that is likely to be built in town.

The candidate suggested for the Deputy's position often appears before the Planning Board on behalf of large gravel mining companies, and the Selectmen felt that if a Deputy were appointed, the deputy's job scope should not be limited because of potential conflicts.

Pit Expansion Proposed

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Planning Board is being asked to approve a major expansion of a gravel pit that borders Douglas Highway (Route 184) and has been the subject of litigation in the past. Harold MacQuinn, Inc. currently has permits for the so-called Kittridge Pit which encompasses a lot the company owns and land MacQuinn leases from Ralph and Mary Miro. Nearly 20-years ago that land was excavated heavily without a permit, and the violation was tied up in court for years, with the town winning a judgment in excess of \$60,000 to cover fines and attorneys fees.

It's expected the site plan review and gravel permitting process will take several months and many meetings to complete. If and when the Planning Board finds the application complete, a public hearing would be scheduled for comment on the proposal. The Planning Board gets its first look at the proposal at the October meeting.

Hand Grenade Removed From Beach

(Lamoine) - Odd calls come in to the town office from time to time, but this one will make the top 10. On August 23rd a citizen called in to say they'd found a hand grenade while walking along Lamoine Beach. Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon advised to caller not to touch it and placed a call to the Maine State Police who notified the bomb squad. The grenade was located below the high water mark and the tide was coming in too swiftly for police to get there before it would be submerged. The caller and Marckoon went to the beach and marked the general vicinity above the high water mark with a stake.

The next day, two members of the bomb squad showed up and went to the beach with Marckoon to search for the grenade. It took a while to spot it amongst the rocks, but it had survived two tides and the firing pin was sitting just a few inches away.



The bomb squad retrieved both pieces, deemed the grenade harmless and took it away in a special disposal bag in their cruiser. While at the beach another citizen asked if they were searching for a PVC pipe that was closed in on both ends. The two troopers looked that over and determined it was a marker buoy that had washed up on shore, and was not a pipe bomb. It was left at the scene.

Board Members Appointed

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have filled some vacancies on the various volunteer committees in town. Marion McDevitt, a former town clerk and current ballot clerk, will serve as an alternate member of Lamoine's Budget Committee. Mrs. McDevitt's late husband, Reggie, served on that committee for many years. The position opened up when former alternate Cece Ohmart was appointed to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Hubene Brodie.

Serving on the Board of Appeals is Constance Bender. A new arrival in town, Ms. Bender offered her services, citing a career in business. She fills the vacancy created when Nick Pappas asked not to be reappointed when his term expired in June.

Permits Issued

(Lamoine) - The Code Enforcement Office issued the following:

#	Name	Project
20	Fowler, Perry	Addition
21	McMullen, R.	Sign
22	Bachman, Stan	Roof on Deck
23	Zdziarski, Carol	Lean-To
24	Saliba, Ruth	Shed
25	Wilder, Michael	Garage
26	Soares, Francis	Garage, Deck
27	Hood, Karen	Residence
28	Kane, Michael	Residence
29	McLaughlin, S.	Mobile Home
30	Perkins, Darlene	Home Occ
31	Bender, C.	Deck
32	Thomas, Brian	Garage
33	Donahue, Diana	Barn

A Very Quiet Summer for Fire Department

(Lamoine) - The pagers went off only a half dozen times for Lamoine's firefighters over the summer, and no actual fires were reported. The most serious call was in Hancock where the department was called to assist at an ammonia leak at a blueberry processing plant.

In town, the department responded to a pair of fire alarm activations, a tree on a power line on Shore Road, and a gasoline spill in the parking lot of the Lamoine Town Hall. All calls were swiftly handled without incident. One motor vehicle accident on Pinkhams Flats near the corner of Mud Creek Road required traffic control. No serious injuries were reported by the Maine State Police who investigated.

Fire Department Auction Nets \$5,000

(Lamoine) - The annual fire department auction proved once again to be a tremendous success for Lamoine's volunteer fire organization. Volunteer auctioneer Chas Hare of Stockton Springs and his sister, Lisa Whitney of Bucksport, swiftly auctioned off donated goods and services, and when the bidding was over, the fire department had more than \$5,000.00 in hand. The money is used to supplement the town budget and the department will be helping to purchase the next chassis for a fire truck with a sizable donation to the town if town meeting voters approve a replacement for the 1990 tanker truck.

Auction chair Joe Young was extremely grateful to the local businesses



Planning Board Has Quiet Summer

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's Planning Board did something it rarely finds time for—planning! By ordinance the board is tasked with processing gravel and commercial building permits, and those activities typically take a lot of time.

The board did grant permits for a snow plowing equipment activity for Richard McMullen on Partridge Cove Road and for a Bed and Breakfast on Lamoine Beach Road for Eric and Susan Hann in July. The August meeting had no permit activity for the agenda, so the board spent the bulk of its time on proposed revisions to the Gravel Ordinance. While the board had hoped to finish that process in time to put it before voters in November, it has come to the conclusion there will not be enough time to accomplish that. Another workshop was set for late September.

The Planning Board also selected its officers for the next year, with John Holt continuing as chair, Gordon Donaldson handling the secretarial duties and Don Bamman continuing as vice-chair. With the resignation of Mike Jordan as an alternate board member, the Selectmen appointed Charles Weber of Douglas Highway to fill that slot.

Hearing Set for Gravel Permits

(Lamoine) - The Planning Board has scheduled public hearings for three gravel pit permit renewals from Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. The pits are located behind and next to the transfer station and on Douglas Highway. The hearing takes place on October 2, 2012 at 6:30 PM at the Lamoine Town Office. After the hearings close, the Planning Board will take action on granting the permits, which were found to be complete in September.

which donated goods and services to the auction. There were a few items left over as none of the dozens of bidders wanted them. Some were recycled and others were taken to the Re-Store or to Goodwill where they can be sold with a worthy beneficiary.

Alleged Mailbox Vandals Nabbed

(Lamoine) - Enough was more than enough for rural mailbox owners in Lamoine over the summer. At least three waves of vandalism, usually late at night, saw numerous mailboxes rendered to useless smashed metal. At \$25 to \$50 a whack, that started to add up a lot of unnecessary costs.

The State Police and Hancock County Sheriff's Department may have put an end to it with the arrests of Dakotah French (21) of Ellsworth and Andrew Babonis (18) of Eastbrook. Investigators say the two were caught red-handed by at least two residents in late July, including Justin Harding of Douglas Highway who gave chase and caught up with the pair. State Trooper Cliff Peterson said while it's not a good idea to confront someone, police were grateful for help from citizens.

Tpr. Peterson said French and Babonis reported to the Ellsworth police



OUCH!

Old Schoolhouse Lane resident Don Hutchinson brought in his 3rd mailbox to be destroyed in a short time. Like many in town he was frustrated by the senseless vandalism to rural route boxes.

station and tried to claim they were being falsely accused. They were charged with criminal mischief and if convicted could be forced to make restitution. Peterson said police had been patrolling Lamoine heavily for a few weeks trying to catch the vandals.

Since the arrests, there have been no more reports of mailbox vandalism.

Tax Rate Falls, Collections Strong

(Lamoine) - Lower paving costs, stable school and county government assessments led to lower property tax bills for most Lamoine landowners. After the Board of Assessors finished doing the calculations, the mill rate in town dropped from 9.5 in 2011/12 to 9.3 for 2012/13. The 2.1% drop translates to a \$40 savings for property assessed at \$200,000.

The tax assessors finalized the property tax commitment in mid July, which included an overlay of about \$57,500. The overlay is an amount allowed by law to account for unanticipated expenses, revenue shortages and abatements if need be. If none of those occur, that money is transferred into the undesignated fund balance (surplus) account.

Tax Collector Jennifer Kovacs reports collections in excess of 55% of the \$2.3 million dollar property tax commitment by mid-September. The 2nd half payments are due February 28, 2013.

Temporary Clerk Needed

January-March

(Lamoine) - Congratulations to Lamoine's Town Clerk and Tax Collector, Jennifer Kovacs, who will become a mommy again in January. The town office will be in need of services of someone to temporarily fill the job while she is on maternity leave, anticipated to be sometime between mid-January through mid-March

In late September, Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon submitted a name to the Selectmen of a potential fill-in replacement who expressed interest in the job. The Board authorized him to negotiate with the candidate in regard to expected pay and working hours in hopes that temporary staffing can be lined up.

The temporary clerk/collector will collect property tax, process vehicle registrations, sell hunting and fishing licenses and other duties as needed. An answer is anticipated in October.

Veysey to Chair Budget Committee, Work Starts Later

(Lamoine) - Fellow budget committee members chose Robin Veysey to chair their meetings this season. Veysey is a long time member of the committee and replaces Hubene Brodie who resigned in June.

The committee will start its work in November this year, a little later than usual. The first meeting will be Monday, November 12th at 6:30 PM at the Town Office. Because the school budget is no longer part of the town's budget process, the Budget Committee should be able to

finish up its work in fewer meetings. The committee usually got rolling in October, which is well before the next fiscal year begins in July. By having another month to prepare, the Selectmen should have a better basis for its budget projections.

The final schedule for the committee will be set at the November 12th meeting. It is anticipated that the Monday nights at 6:30 time will remain in place. Department heads will be asked soon for their budget requests and documentation.

Special Town Meeting Held

Budget Adjustments, Excise Tax Ordinance Approved

(Lamoine) - A few voters turned out for a special town meeting on September 20th that Selectmen called to make some budget adjustments and to approve an excise tax exemption for active duty military personnel stationed outside of Maine.

The budget adjustments came to the administration and fire department budgets. When calculating the tax collector/town clerk salary last year, the wrong base amount was initially used and the amount was significantly lower than it should be. On the plus side, the heating oil bid came in much lower than expected, and that was used to soften the net increase. The fire budget did not include hose testing which is required and expensive. Again, the lower heating oil bid helped to soften that blow. Between the two accounts, less than \$1,400 was taken from the town's surplus account to add to the budgets.

The fire department had not budgeted for hose testing in FY 2011/12, and that put the expenditures for the fire department over budget by a little more than \$2,000. The meeting was asked to approve that budget increase, though the amount approved for public safety was not exceeded.

Finally, the fire department's boiler is being replaced this fall, and that was not budgeted as there was no price available at budget time. The special meeting appropriated \$10,000 from surplus to cover the cost.

The ordinance to exempt active duty military from excise tax is expected to have minimal impact on town revenues. Fewer than five Lamoine service members who register their cars here are stationed outside of Maine, but that option will be available to them if need be. They'll have to request the exemption and supply the tax collector with certification from their commander that they are permanently posted or deployed for more than 180-days outside of Maine.

Annual Town Meeting Date Set

(Lamoine) - Selectmen have set Tuesday, March 12th as the annual municipal officer election day and Wednesday the 13th as the annual open town meeting date. Polls will open at 8AM for the Selectmen and Assessor elections. The town meeting will begin at the Lamoine School at 6:00 PM.

Nomination papers will become available at the Lamoine Town Office on December 17, 2012. Papers must have at least 25-signatures and be returned by January 26, 2013 for candidates for office to appear on the ballot.

Town Likely to Get Vote Counting Machine

(Lamoine) - The Secretary of State's Office says Lamoine will qualify to get a vote counting machine, probably in time for the November 6, 2012 election. Town officials and ballot clerks are thrilled to hear the news, as the election is likely to have a huge turnout with many races on the ballot. During the 2010 election, it took the ballot counting crews until 4:00 AM to tally up all the ballots counted.

The state sent out specifications for a tabulation system months ago and finally picked a vendor in mid-September. It is anticipated that the town will receive the machine and training on how to use it sometime in October.



Deputy Secretary of State Julie Flynn said towns with over 1,000 registered voters which do not have voting machines already will qualify for the new machines. This will be a first for

Lamoine, and ballots will look a little different, as voters will be asked to fill in an oval or an arrow to indicate their preference for office.

There will still have to be hand counting of votes that are rejected by the machine. Polls will open at 8AM on November 6th and close at 8PM. Absentee ballots will be available on October 7th and requests to vote by absentee must be in by November 1st.

Cable TV Channel News

(Lamoine) - The town's government channel on cable TV (channel 7) is once again searching for an operations manager. Kimberly Grindle, who was hired in 2011, has left the job following her graduation from college and the realization that she was not able to devote adequate time.

The Cable TV Committee has recommended to the Selectmen to try to either find someone, or split the duties among interested folks.

The committee has also recommended several purchases, including a second high quality camera, a new server for the town's website/e-mail system, and a new computer for the CTV room itself as the present computer is outdated and prone to freezing up. The committee will meet on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 6PM at the Town Hall.

Town Ends Fiscal Year in the Black

(Lamoine) - The town ended the 2011/12 fiscal year with over a half million dollars in the bank. Of that, it's estimated that more than \$400,000 is not dedicated to any fund. The final, audited fund balances have not yet been issued—but should be out in the next few weeks.

The town budgeted \$682,681.19 for the year (excluding education and county taxes), and ended up spending \$638,878.65, or \$43,802.54. About half of that is dedicated to the road fund, but general fund categories that came in under budget included the administration line (\$6,191), solid waste (\$7,297), and public safety (\$959).

In addition to cost savings, non-real estate revenues were \$3,834.36 higher than projected. Excise tax collections came in less than 1% under the budgeted \$275,000 but interest collected on unpaid taxes was more than double the \$5,000 budgeted. Investment interest income was lower than budgeted by \$3,700 thanks to the slow economy.

The net impact on the general fund balance (before auditing) was an increase of approximately \$30,000. The town's auditors will make the final adjustments after their field work conducted in late August, but it's expected the fund balance will be at a healthy level.

Front Door Project Attracts No Bidders

(Lamoine) - Despite being advertised in the newspaper and on the town's website for a lengthy period, the project to replace the front door at the Lamoine Town Office attracted no bids at the Selectmen's meeting in early September.

The Selectmen approved of assigning the project to Code Enforcement Officer Michael Jordan who is a carpenter by trade. The project will replace the deteriorating metal front door with a longer lasting fiberglass equivalent. Jordan estimated the project would take only a few hours of work.

Vault Storage Project to Begin

(Lamoine) - The walk-in cement vault at the Lamoine Town Office is going to get a major makeover during the next few months. Preliminary planning has begun on just how to organize the permanent town records, and to transfer some of the old records that are not required to be kept secure by the town to the Lamoine Historical Society for preservation.

The Board of Assessors has suggested organizing items by map and lot folders, including all building and plumbing permits, correspondence associated with each lot and other items unique to a lot. This alone will require a lot of file cabinet space, but should free up shelf space in the present Code Enforcement Office. It is anticipated that much of the material the Assessors store in the vault which does not require permanent storage will be moved to the Code Enforcement Office at the back of the building.

A company that manufactures storage racks visited the town office in late September at the request of town officials to submit possible ideas and costs for proper rack storage in the vault to maximize the efficient storage of town records. The town approved a budget of \$8,000, funded by the Allen and Leurene Hodgkins trust fund for storage

improvements in the vault. An estimate on the shelf storage was not available at publication time.

In addition to vital records and property tax records, the town is also required to provide safe storage for minutes, voting records, and treasury records among other things. Many records require professional binding, and prices are being sought for that project.



*Mumma....you're hogging all the good stuff!
A mother bear and two cubs finish off raiding a bird feeder at Edna Coyne's home on Lamoine Beach Road. Edna took this shot through her screen window. The bears made the feeder rounds all summer.*

Fire Dept. Supper Planned Oct. 27th

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual dinner on Saturday, October 27th at the Lamoine Consolidated School Gym. Serving will begin at 5:00 PM. Firefighters will be selling tickets on Sunday, October 21st

door to door. Sadly, The LVFD will have to function this year without long time chowder chef Albert Herrick who passed away over the summer. The fire department was still finalizing the menu at publication time.



A crew from Asplundh Tree which is under contract by Bangor Hydro Electric, has worked its way up and down Route 184 and other roads cutting back trees and limbs that threaten the utility lines.

Lamp Recycling Available, Popular

(Lamoine) - The town has entered an agreement to collect used up light bulbs at the transfer station which will be hauled away at no cost. Compact fluorescent bulbs have become more popular as they are mandated by federal policy, but the used bulbs contain a small amount of mercury and are not recommended for disposal with the normal household waste. The Department of Environmental Protection has contracted with a Virginia company to collect used bulbs. Containers arrived in August and are set up in the same building where the returnable beverage containers are collected. Transfer Station Manager Bill Fennelly reports folks have been very good about putting their bulbs in the collection containers.

County Government Discussed

(Lamoine) - Late June saw the MDI League of Towns meeting held in Lamoine, and the room was packed as the community representatives discussed the structure and workings of Hancock County's Government. County Commissioner Steve Joy was on hand to answer questions and brainstorm on suggested improvements.

Each town was asked to poll their elected officials as to whether changes in county government management ought to be explored. Many Maine counties employ a manager, much like towns employ municipal managers or administrators. Hancock County does not have a manager—the County Commissioners are charged with overseeing the day to day operation. Lamoine's Selectmen had no objection to a recommendation that the Commissioners explore hiring a county manager.

(Lamoine) - The 7-town Regional Shellfishing Warden, Mike Hall, has a request of folks using the intertidal zone to walk their dogs: "Please clean up after them." Hall said recreational dog walking and even those pups that accompany their owners while harvesting shellfish from the flats, are causing a problem. Dog waste will cause fecal coliform readings to become too high for safe shellfish harvesting, and

State DOT Preparing for Paving Job in 2013

(Lamoine) - The last time Douglas Highway was paved, the new surface coat lasted a few months before it was all cracked, heaved and rutted. At that time in September 2005, then DOT Commissioner David Cole explained that the project was "buying time" until the road could be properly paved.

It looks like that time may be nearing. An excavator and crew has been working steadily on the road from the Town Office to US Route 1. District supervisor Kevin Prout says they hope to properly ditch the entire length of road in North Lamoine this fall, which will greatly improve drainage on the deteriorating highway.

The town has requested (on numerous occasions) that Route 184 be properly constructed and maintained. Rarely does a week go by that a motorist doesn't complain about the condition of the road with its many bumps, dips, and crumbling pavement. A local tow truck operator says the jarring ride has caused damage to his rigs and to his clients vehicles

Town Road Repairs Continue

(Lamoine) - Contractors Jay Fowler and Richard McMullen have been busy this summer cleaning up a lot of minor road repairs on the town maintained streets. After Mill Road and Shore Road were paved in June, the shoulders had gravel placed on them to come up to the lip of the new pavement in an effort to prevent edge breakage and provide for a smoother trip into driveways.

Shoulder and ditch work was done on a portion of Buttermilk Road, and one driveway culvert which served no function due to the lay of the land was removed and the drive filled in with gravel. The shoulder on Asa's Lane was shaped up so that water will travel into the ditches without major erosion.

A section of Marlboro Beach Road had its ditch cleaned out as alder tree roots fouled up water flow. The intersections of Clamshell and Cos Cob with Lamoine Beach Road were also cleaned up.

Some tree trimming on the local roads is likely this fall in order to get branches out of the travel way and shoulders and to allow sunlight to reach snow and ice areas during the winter.

Dogs and Clam Flats—A Poor Combination

potentially close down the clam flats to both commercial and recreational diggers until the water samples clear up.

Warden Hall urged towns to consider enacting a "pooper scooper" ordinance to require cleanup. Selectmen suggested maybe such a requirement could be added to the regional rules.

and expressed frustration. The cracks in the road surface have been growing vegetation for the last two summers.

After the North Lamoine ditching is completed, Prout said they hope to ditch and install culverts where needed on the Lamoine Beach Road section of Route 184 from Latona Lane to Lamoine Beach. As bumpy as Douglas Highway is, that section of road may even be worse. It too was paved in 2005, but it was not shimmed or ditched at that time, and the paving quickly deteriorated. The state highway passes by Lamoine State Park and it too was nominated for reconstruction by the Selectmen.



The Maine DOT Ditching Crew on Douglas Highway

Highway Adoptees Saluted

By Georgia Munsell

Thanks a Heap!

These 68 volunteers pick up trash along their adopted sections of Lamoine town roads at least twice a year. On average they pick up five 30 gallon bags of roadside litter annually. With the bags weighing about five pounds each, this amounts to well over 600 pounds of trash collected from our roads every year. And that's a heap of trash. We salute and thank these Adopt-A-Highway volunteers for all their time and effort.

Alvarez, Darlene, Elizabeth & Bob
Becker, Arlyss & Ray
Bland, Barbara & Bamman, Don
Boynton, Nancy & Harold
Bragdon, Joan & Merle
Carney, Jim & Jeni
Donaldson, Cynthia & Gordon
Sanderson, Diane & David
Gillett, Bruce & Amelia & Kathleen Rybarz
Fowler, Perry & Cub Scout Pack 88
Conner Mc Devitt, Nick Harding, Ross
Fowler, Matthew Jones
Tim Harding, Peter McDevitt, & Brett Jones.
Haines, Jackie & Gregg Tehennepe
Heitert, Nancy & Steve
Holdsworth, Nicole with MaKenzie, Kaitlyn
Cowles & Matthew Mingo
Marckoon, Stu
Towne, Terry N.
McAneny, Priscilla, with Bill Reynolds,
Trisha Smith, & Rylan Brann
McMullen, Jane & Steve
Michielli, Lucia
Mobraaten, Phyllis & Larry
Morrison, Becky & Kevin Strange
Munsell, Georgia & Mark
Perkins, Faith with James & Emily Crotteau
Perry, Jodi, Steve, Kayla & Luke
Pulver, Georginna & Bob
Smith, Sally & Ken
Stewart, Doug
Tadema-Wielandt, Lynda & Chris
Thorburn, Donna
Watson, Herb



Trisha Smith and Rylan Brann regularly patrol Buttermilk Road for trash

George Crawford mows the landfill cap to keep roots from punching through. Crawford was the low bidder by \$100 for the landfill cap and roadside mowing job, which was awarded for three years. One other bid was received on time.



The Parks Commission installed new picnic tables at Lamoine Beach in July. The tables replace those which had started to deteriorate, causing sharp edges on the metal feet.

Fireworks Law Clarifies No Park Use

(Lamoine) - Since the Fourth of July, the town office has started to receive calls and complaints about folks using fireworks. The Parks Commission had suggested that a local ordinance barring use at the town park facilities might be in order, but state law already makes that provision.

Under the provisions of 8MRSA §223-A: "A person may use consumer fireworks only on that person's property or on the property of a person who has consented to the use of consumer fireworks on that property". The town would have to grant specific permission for anyone to use fireworks at the park property, and it has not done so. A violation of this law can result in a fine between \$50 and \$500. Signs have been posted at both Lamoine Beach and at



Bloomfield Park to remind folks that fireworks use is not permitted on park property.

The other issue has to do with the time of day folks are shooting off fireworks on their own property. The same state statute reads: "Consumer fireworks may be used between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.". There are provisions to allow use until 12:30 AM on July 4th and New Year's Eve. Folks who believe someone is violating the fireworks laws should call either the Sheriff's Department or the State Police to make a complaint. The town has no local police force to enforce the law.



Rylan Brann is Everywhere! Young Mr. Brann (his Dad is just retired as a Selectman) donated his services for a fundraiser and wound up scraping paint at the Lamoine Grange

Town Loses a Character in Albert Herrick

(Lamoine) - Many towns are lucky enough to have a resident who exemplifies the character of a community. Some could argue that Albert Herrick was Lamoine's. The North Lamoine resident died on August 3rd at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. He was 86 years old.

Albert served the town as a Selectman from 1962 to 1964 in an era where the elected Selectmen had a hands on role in running the municipality. A World War II Veteran, Albert ran a kennel and pet grooming business in Lamoine for many years. He was an integral member of the town's fire department and was famous for his clam chowder recipe at the department's fall supper.

Folks who spoke at Albert's funeral recalled the many kind deeds, his highly visible garden, and the raucously funny hunting and fishing stories. A military honor guard and fire department members helped pay tribute as he was laid to rest.



Former Selectman, and fire department chef, Albert Herrick

Lamoine Community Arts Plans Fall Plays

By Diane Sanderson

(Lamoine) - It's fall and once again the Lamoine-Bayside Grange opens its doors to the community for the Lamoine Community Arts fall play. For the 7th year in a row LCA has drawn thesians from our midst. This year we'll present **You Can't Take It With You**, a Pulitzer prize-winning comedy by Moss Hart and George Kaufman. The production involves 19 actors and scores of local volunteers who are directing, building



sets, making costumes, coaching lines, baking cookies, sweeping the floors. After its Broadway run, the script was made into the Academy Award-winning motion picture in 1938. Our performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, October 26, 27, November 2, 3 at 7 PM with a special benefit performance for the Grange on Sunday, November 4 at 3 PM. For tickets and information, call 546-6303. Since this is an election year, LCA thought it would be fun to do a short political satire just in time for vote counting. **The Spot**, a 10 minute spoof by Steven Dietz, depicts six characters working on a TV endorsement for a prominent political candidate. The directors are clueless; the campaign advisor is ruthless; and the actress has much too much heart. It's hard to tell who is telling the truth, who is playing the game, and who is dominating the polls. LCA is going to try performing

Vital Statistics

(Lamoine) - In addition to Albert Herrick, the town has lost several other residents. **Howard Haslam** died in Florida on August 1st. **Richard Fennelly Sr.** passed away May 17th. **Lawrence Budwine** died April 20th, **Aubrey Strout** on April 23rd, and **Edward Frank** on March 28th.

Three marriages to report this past summer. **Charles Brown and Rebecca Robinson** got married in Lamoine on July 14th; **Nathaniel Jordan married Melissa Williams** in Dedham on August 2nd, and **Justin Gott and Rachel Elwell** were married in Bar Harbor on August 25th.

Four births were reported over the summer—three boys and a girl.

this for camera instead of a live audience -- our first venture of this kind.

The Grange and LCA continue to look for ways to work together to maintain the building and the mission of our historic Grange. LCA members helped with the Grange

dinners this summer. We're now focused on getting the exterior entryway scraped and repainted before the snow flies. Let us know if you'd like to help!

Conservation Commission

By Larry Libby

(Lamoine) - Work continues on the Lamoine Open Space Inventory, ably led by former commissioner Fred Stocking. He has proposed a specific timeline for completion, leading to presentation to the Town Planning Board and other residents.

On July 11 the Commission hosted a meeting to discuss existing trails in Lamoine. A special committee may form to advise the Conservation Commission on how these trails could become a more important town asset. About a month

Facebook Used to Find Lost Dogs

(Lamoine) - Twice during the summer the town's Facebook page played a vital role in helping to find lost dogs. In July, Jessie Lofton's dog ran away when it was spooked by fireworks. She posted a picture on the popular social media website which the town reposted, as did several Lamoine residents, and a motorist spotted him on Douglas Highway.

A few weeks later, a Lamoine Beach Road resident called to report a stray dog had come onto their property without identification. Animal Control Officer Mike Arsenault picked up the dog which had no identification tags. The town office snapped a picture and posted it on its Facebook page, where it



The owner of Kona a shih tzu from Lamoine Beach Road was located thanks to a Facebook posting in August.

was reposted. Within minutes the owner came forward and found out where the pup was taken (the Small Animal Clinic) and was able to pick up the dog safely.

Dog Licenses Due

(Lamoine) - All dog registrations (which are required under state law) expire on December 31st. Starting October 15th the town office should have the 2013 registration tags in the office for sale.

Neutered dogs cost \$6 to register, non-neutered are \$11. There is a one month grace period that expires at the end of January—after which a \$25 late fee is mandated by law. Dog owners must supply proof of rabies vaccination to register the pup.



later, several Commission members were joined by other interested residents on a hike of the "Track Trail" across from the school to an overlook of Mount Desert Island. Robin Emery led the group, pointing out certain landmarks along the way. (pictured above).

The Commission joined the Lamoine State Park staff in hosting the National Shore Clean-up Day on September 22 near the State Park. Several volunteers participated. Another shore clean-up day will be scheduled next Spring.

Dr. Jane Disney from the MDI Biological Lab, and Coordinator of the Frenchman Bay Partnership, will speak at the October 4 Selectmen meeting to explain the mission and goals of the Partnership.

October 2012 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Office closed at lunch for training/vacation	1	2-6:30 PM Planning Board	3-9AM Assessors	4-6PM CTV Cmte 7PM Selectmen	5	6-Town Office open 8-12
7	8-Town Office Closed	9	10*-7PM Conservation Cmsn	11*	12	13
14	15*	16*	17*-7PM Shellfish Conservation	18– Town office closed 1PM-4:30PM (training)	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27-Town Office open 8-12 5PM Fire Dept. Dinner
28	29	30	31	The Code Enforcement Officer holds office hours Tuesdays 9-12 except the 3rd Tuesday 1-4 and the last Saturday 9-12		

November 2012-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
The Budget Committee Schedule will be set on November 12th—consult the town’s website for dates—(Generally Mondays, 6:30 PM)				1-7PM Selectmen	2	3-Office open 8-12
4	5-10AM Absentee Ballot Processing	6-Election Day Polls open 8am-8pm	7-9AM Assessors	8	9	10
11-Veterans Day	12-Town Office Closed 6:30 PM Budget Committee	13-7PM Planning Board	14-7PM Conservation Cmsn	15-7PM Selectmen	16	17
18	19	20	21-Shellfish Conservation	22-Thanksgiving (Office Closed)	23	24-Office open 8-12
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2012 Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1-Office open 8-12
2	3	4-7PM Planning Board	5-8:30 AM Assessors	6-7PM Selectmen	7	8
9	10	11	12-7PM Conservation Cmsn	13	14	15
16	17	18	19-7PM Shellfish Conservation	20-No Selectmen’s meeting—warrant signing only	21	22
23	24-Office closing @ Noon	25-Office Closed	26	27	28	29-Office open 8-12
30	31-Office closing @ Noon	The town office will be closed for lunch December 26-28 (Adm. Asst. Vacation week)				

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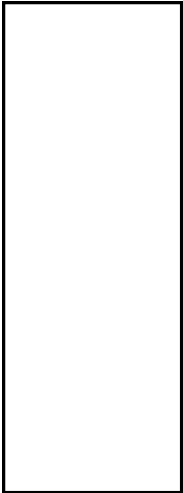
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